

The Weekly Ledger

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The Audrain County Horticultural and Beekeepers Association will meet in session in the afternoon of August third. Several interesting papers will be read and the public is cordially invited to be present.

This postoffice department has decided to discontinue rural delivery routes over roads which are not kept in a passable condition. This is an important matter and should have the attention of all road owners in the county.

If you want to sell goods every day in the year and not have any "dull times" around your place of business advertise judiciously in the daily and weekly Ledger. Give prices and make your advertisements talk, so that people can hear and understand it.

CHARLES F. Arnold, the hustler, has raised nearly enough money to cut down the Dingie hill, and will begin work in time to connect with the paving on north Jefferson street. This will give Mexico at least one good thoroughfare to the country.

The Ledger is informed that feeders are already offering fifty cents a bushel for new corn to feed stock. The prospect in Audrain county is good for fair crops, and the price promises to be a record breaker. With good crops selling anything like the present prices the farmers of the great west would have plenty of money this fall.

The people of Mexico were delighted to have an opportunity to entertain the Odd Fellows of Missouri. This is one of the strongest fraternal organizations in the state and numbers among its members some of the country's most distinguished citizens. We trust our visitors had a pleasant and profitable day and will come and see us again.

The Mexico Chautauqua opens Wednesday and promises to be a most delightful entertainment. The people of Mexico are interested in the success of this enterprise and should cordially and liberally patronize it. There should be a large attendance every day. It is hoped that the Chautauqua will become one of Mexico's most popular, successful and permanent institutions.

The success of the Odd Fellows barbecue, Tuesday, was marked by every particular. The crowd was large and orderly, the programme excellent, the meat done to a turn and the general good-fellowship prevailing perfect. While the attendance was not as large as expected it was by no means small. The Odd Fellows are to be congratulated upon the manner in which the day was spent and the thoroughness with which everything they attempted was done.

RALPH B. Mason, of this city, a graduate of the State University is a member of the winning team in the recent Chicago Dairy show for the best judges of Holstein cattle. A handsome silver trophy cup was offered by the American Holstein-Friesian Association and the M. S. U. team proved their superiority over other contestants. Mr. Mason, while at the University, made an enviable record and his many friends in Mexico join the Ledger in congratulating him on his success.

The third annual Mexico Chautauqua opened today. A glance at the programme shows it to be as good as in the past with a number of added attractions. We wanted a Chautauqua and a good one. Mr. Stokes comes forward and furnished us with the best the amusement world afforded and it is now up to us, the people of Mexico, to show our appreciation by liberal patronage of the assembly. Heretofore the attendance has not been such as to fully pay the expense of the enterprise and each year the management has closed having gone into debt. Mexico and Audrain county are large enough to support such a high class institution and there are more than enough well educated people in the community to make it a paying enterprise without having to call for assistance from nearby cities. Let us all attend this session of the Chautauqua and assist the management in making it a financial success as well as one from the point of entertainment. It is the most delightful form of summer outing and should prove a failure and we have to do without it in the future. Let there be something missing from the summer months that made them more endurable.

To the Voters of Audrain County On account of the serious illness of my youngest daughter, Louise, for the past six weeks, and on account of the fact that she will not likely recover, I feel that it is my urgent duty, as well as my desire, to request you to do as much as possible. It will, therefore, be impossible for me to meet all the Democratic voters of Audrain county. Under the existing circumstances, I am compelled to leave my candidacy for the nomination of Sheriff of Audrain county largely in the hands of my friends and ask that they give me all the assistance they can. Thanking you in advance for your cordial support and kindness, I remain,

Very Truly,
J. B. Woolley.

Miss Mae Jackson is home from Warrensburg, where she attended summer school at the Normal.

DR. REESE, the Electro-Magnetic Tooth Extractor and Dentist will visit Mexico August 1st to 14th. Office at Clarkson Hotel. All work guaranteed.

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Columbia Statesman

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When the University burnt in the early Nineties, he was one of the leaders in the fight to save it. As Senator, he secured larger appropriations for the university than any other legislator before him. He secured the passage through the Senate in 1897 of the University Redwood Bill, and in 1899 he secured the passage of the law for free tuition since the passage of which the enrollment has increased from less than 1000 to over 2500. He secured the changes in the charter of Christian College needed to enable that institution to make its recent great progress. As Collector of Revenue, and as presiding Judge of the County Court, Sen. Anderson made a most excellent record. As County Judge, with the co-operation of the other Judges and the Assessor, he secured the addition to the tax books of over \$800,000.00 of formerly hidden personal property, thus adding materially to the revenue of the county. In the Senate he secured the passage of beneficial laws of more than local interest. In addition to the laws already referred to, he is the author of the law making it a felony for the secretary of a building and loan association to receive dues when the company is in a failing condition, a law which has driven every dishonest association of the sort out of the State; of the law for the protection of coal miners from unsafe timbers and bad gases, and other laws, while he was almost equally serviceable by his vigilance in opposing unwise and dishonest legislation. His official record is a clean and strong one, and his nomination will add strength to the State ticket.

LIGHTNING STRIKES BANK. Effective Work by Fire Department Saves \$50,000 Building at Marshall, Mo.

Marshall, Mo., July 18.—At 9 o'clock last night lightning struck the Wood & Huston bank building on the northeast corner of the square and for a time it was feared that great damage would be done by fire and water to the \$50,000 structure. However, the fire company, together with the aid of citizens, was able to put out the fire by demolishing but little of the interior of the building.

J. P. Huston, a well known banker of the state, is president of the bank, and it is the largest bank in Saline county.

WESTERN AUDRAIN Frank Crowwhite is sick.

Miss Mary Sweeney and Ed Rodegno surprised their many friends by getting married last Sunday. They went to Kansas City for a visit and while there they decided to get married. All join in wishing them a long and happy life.

John McDonald will soon begin work on his elegant new residence.

There will be a great fish fry at Jacobs Well next Thursday. The Sunday School at Macedonia invite their friends to help them eat fish on that day.

Mrs. Fannie Hunter of Denver, Colo., Mr. Lizzie White and Jeanette and Mrs. E. B. Stice of Centralia, Mrs. John and Robert Hawkins, of Davenport, Mo., were entertained at dinner at the home of T. B. Robinson last Saturday.

Mr. Cook and wife, of Chicago, are at Harris Springs this week. They will return to their home in a few days. Oscar Smith sold a bunch of yearling heifers at \$1 and 40 per lb. He also bought 22 yearling heifers for \$10. John and daughter spent Sunday with relatives near Tullip. Ed Wirt sold 22 hogs weighing 300 lb. for to John McKay who re-sold them to Price White for \$6.00 to go any time in July. Several have been to southwest Mo. and bought hogs for 41 and 60 per lb. and shipped them home to feed. Roy Hawkins and wife are visiting in Quincy, Ill. this week. E. B. French, of Martinsburg, visited here Tuesday. Miss Mae Underwood, of Rush Hill, was in this city Tuesday. Born, to John Sullivan and wife, July 19, a boy and a girl. T. B. DeFenne was here from Vandalia on business, Tuesday.

COUNTY COURT APPOINTS JUDGES

THE COURT MET MONDAY AND APPOINTED SIX JUDGES AS REQUESTED BY LAW FOR EACH OF THE TWENTY-FIVE PRECINCTS IN AUDRAIN COUNTY.

PRIMARY AUGUST THE FOURTH

There are also four clerks for each precinct to be selected, two Democrats and two Republicans—These are Selected by Judges of Election.

The County Court met Monday, and appointed the Judges for the primary August 4th. There are twenty-five precincts in Audrain County, and for each precinct there are six judges for the Court to appoint. Of the six judges, the law requires three of them to be Democrats and the other three Republicans.

There are also four clerks to each precinct, two Democrats and two Republicans. These clerks are selected by the judges of the election which have been appointed by the County Court.

The following are the judges as appointed by the Court: Precinct No. 1: Marvin Garrett, Frank Canada, R. Smith, John Hawkins, Grant Ficklin, Geo. Everhart. Precinct No. 2: J. W. Curry, Chas. Osborne, J. F. Vanover, E. King, F. A. Ehret, Hensen Spurling.

Mexico precinct No. 3: J. W. D. Cuthbert, R. M. Robinson, R. D. Arnold Jr., E. F. Ketter, John Gamble, Roy Carle. Precinct No. 4: J. W. Otter, Ed. Aichison, W. C. Drake, Otto Ehrlich, C. M. Standish, Ed. Scherer.

Black precinct No. 5: Jerry Frensis, J. N. Hall, T. T. Parker, Frank E. Garman, J. J. Johnston, Chas. Smith. Precinct No. 6: John Gafford, W. S. Barnes, Geo. Mosby, Dave Patter, Thos. Schold, Arch House.

Martinsburg precinct No. 7: F. M. Walker, Frank Aschman, J. B. Halterman, H. A. Overbag, Frank Moses, T. H. Yellon. Precinct No. 8: C. L. Stewart, G. R. McCall, Hardy Doolin, A. S. Smith, Chas. Hickman, C. C. Perry.

Vandalia precinct No. 9: W. Moore, Geo. Kennedy, W. L. Wright, Dave Nation, S. C. Foster, Oscar Barnett. Precinct No. 10: B. W. Barnes, C. H. Baker, M. C. Flynn, C. W. Wilson, J. A. Givens, G. A. Gills. Precinct No. 11: J. A. Douglas, J. W. Dowell, A. F. Adams, H. H. Hoesen, C. D. Eriksen, J. F. Johnson.

Ladonia precinct No. 12: J. W. Freeman, J. L. Pierce, J. A. Alexander, Edgar Elder, Tinsley Doss, G. W. Day. Precinct No. 13: W. S. Biggs, J. W. Crow, W. O. Houtteier, Ben P. Welch, Chas. Kellum, Wm. Rose. Precinct No. 14: J. Turner, Hulen, Will Johnson, J. N. Day, H. C. Underwood, Wm. Kern, Dan Hobart.

Rowena precinct No. 15: Thos. Vandlingham, J. T. Guthrie, W. H. Mallory, E. L. Scott, Byron Reed, Sham Swartzendruber. Precinct No. 16: J. E. Mondy, W. W. Wilson, A. L. Lipp, J. F. Vial, Milton Housholder, Elgie Ellis. Precinct No. 17: Barry Fennelwell, Hy. Youngblood, Joe Adrain, Geo. Mapes, James Scott, Wm. Freyer.

Thompson precinct No. 18: H. T. Gant, D. B. Brown, George Polk, W. H. Dempsey, J. E. Tilger, Wm. Luck. Precinct No. 19: J. W. McKee, Ike McQuinn, Rufus Jackson, Austin Calhoun, Leola Parrish, Ben Haskell, Mathias Crum.

Mexico precinct No. 20: 2nd ward: P. E. Locke, J. B. Browning, J. O. Marshall, Walter Squires, Robt. Kernan, Wm. Frazer. Precinct No. 21: 4th ward: J. A. McIntyre, C. A. Witherspoon, Joe Offutt, J. B. Fleming, Andy McElhinney, J. G. Head.

Union precinct No. 22: Thos. Crum, C. H. Harrison, Ed. Miller, Levi Jones, Steve Johnson, August Pfitzer. Macedonia precinct No. 23: W. J. Shorer, R. L. Barnes, O. T. Smith, T. Matt Owens, Geo. R. Jos. Everhart. Precinct No. 24: Harrison Ford, J. W. Wayne, S. B. Johnson, J. O. Offutt, Johnson Davis, Homer Robinson.

Burham precinct No. 25: J. A. Hanna, E. F. Farr, J. T. O'Connell.

The Republican judges from the Burham district have been received here as yet.

WALLACE CONFERENCE Fifty Counties Were Represented at the Meeting in St. Louis to Favor Judge Wallace.

St. Louis Republic. Judge William H. Wallace, of Kansas City, will be assisted within the next few days by Democrats from all parts of the State, who hope to carry on a successful whirlwind campaign. A meeting of Wallace supporters from fifty counties in Missouri was held at the Planters Hotel yesterday afternoon.

Professor U. S. Hall, president of Pritchett College, was elected president of the conference yesterday. Every delegate present was enthusiastic in his allegiance to the Kansas City Judge because he strictly enforced the Sunday closing law. A committee of ten will be appointed by President Hall to secure twenty speakers who will go out through the State during the next two weeks advocating Judge Wallace's nomination, and a committee of three whose duty it will be to arrange meetings in behalf of the candidate. Lakenan & Barnes have several choice residences for sale on reasonable terms at reasonable prices. Sam Sharp and Joe Luckie are home from a pleasant visit at Eureka Springs, Ark. Miss Lella and Snowdy Willis have returned to Columbia after a visit in this city. Mrs. Hardy Doolin, of Rush Hill, is confined to her bed by illness. Miss Prather after a visit to W. H. Brown has returned to Columbia. Take the Ledger for the News.

Said the Wise Old Owl on Reubin Dill's Cap

Meet me there! Never "fooled me." "I shall meet you face to face." Meet me at the "Chautauqua." "Don't be angry with me, darling." Miss Hughes left Tuesday for Kansas on business.

Od. Lockjaw is getting ready for his annual roundup. Several more cases of acute indigestion this winter. Too bad.

V. Lee Miller is home from Columbia. They all come back. The prohibitionists predict that the water wagon vote will show no falling off. O. fudge! Miss Etta Williams, a beautiful and accomplished young lady, is clerking for Weber & George.

Shape up your stock and meet the Owl at the big Audrain Fair. Every day will be a delightful one. Mrs. Mary O'Callahan, of Alton, Ill., will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Fecht, this week. Miss Idyle Wilkerson, of Santa Fe, is the charming little guest of Mrs. R. Buckenridge Hooton.

If any wishes to buy a nice pair of red pigs, that weigh about fifty pounds, call on or address Robert Dill. Tell us not that war cumberers are so useful to us.

For the few who disturb our slumbers we must satisfy our quest. A Merry Widow tells the Owl that Shoe Strips items from the Factory will appear in the Ledger Wednesday. Look out for some eye-openers.

Hon. H. C. Turner, the great prohibition propagandist, is in Mexico. Harry seems to have more business on hand than a cranberry merchant. The Owl believes in the good old saying—"Old-time religion, old word, old friends and old wine are best." We wish our friends prosperity and much happiness. Why not?

A printer's picnic will soon be reeled off at Ottumwa, Iowa. Printers do nothing by halves and always have a good time and seldom have a fierce attack of "acute indigestion."

Prof. Forman is now with Prof. Jim Stevenson, at the Promenade Street Tutorial Parlors. Prof. Forman is an artist behind the razor and scissors and if you wish to get spruced up, call on the Professor.

Later on the Owl will have something good to say about that sterling young Democrat, Col. Harry Atchison. Harry is always there with the goods and has never hit the Owl on the head or turned his face to the wall.

The Owl thanks Charlie Brown for an early Sunday morning drive around greater Mexico. Seated in Colonel Brown's runabout, behind the swift pacing mare, Roy, the ride was a pleasant one. Roy is a bird.

Charlie Brown and family worshipped at Hopewell church, west of Mexico, Sunday. Col. Brown tells the Owl that Bro. Palmer delivered a powerful and telling sermon to a large and appreciative audience.

Col. Charlie Powell, as advertised in the Ledger, made a telling speech at the Springs Sunday to about 400 souls. Bro. Tom Hook done the exhorting and Bro. Geo. Hall led in song service. The occasion was a warm one.

Col. Joe Pratt is home from Monroe county. Joe tells the Owl he made 14 temperance speeches while in that county and met with an ovation wherever he lit. The glad hand was given him and many, in the future, will walk in the good narrow way.

As a side issue, Col. R. B. Hooton, the sweet singer of Cottonwood Springs, will lead in song service at the Airline Sunday and warble, by request, the song—"Said the Sassy Little Bird on Nellie's Hat, O. Joy!"

Col. John Abney tells the Owl if the people in the east will keep their cats out of his mail will be well. There are all sizes and colors of cats in Col. Abney's section and the good people have a large and complete assortment and will sell them at 7 for a quarter.

Hon. George Robertson, Sunday afternoon, loomed up in his new auto on the Cottonwood Springs Pike like a 30 cents when a fellow is all in. Mr. Robertson wore a Governor Cowherd cap which made the learned gentleman very much resemble King Edward.

Thanks to Charlie Leeper for a nice Chautauqua collar of the Billie Coward style. The two teams have played together this season, and of the three the local team has won two. St. Vrain pitched for the Athletics and Height and Hays did the twirling for the visitors. St. Vrain struck out sixteen men during the game. The game was a good one all the way through.

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G. P. Homans, of Martinsburg, was in Mexico, Monday. Mrs. Margaret O'Carroll is home from a pleasant visit in Kentucky.

Choice vacant lots for sale. Lakenan & Barnes.

Dr. Parish, of Vandalia, was in this city on business Monday.

A. Larsen is home from Detroit, Michigan, where he attended the national meeting of photographers.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bratton, of Centralia, visited Mrs. Clay White and attended the barbecue Tuesday.

If you want a loan, see Lakenan & Barnes.

Mrs. Lucy Board has been adjudged insane and sent to Hospital No. 1, at Fulton. R. D. Rodgers is her guardian.

Andy Luckie has gone to Stoddard county for a month's visit and while there will look after some real estate, which he has.

Lakenan & Barnes have money to loan, on real estate.

Will Hays, Hiram Barnes, Walter Hibbert, Claude Ball, James Hall and Arthur Olson, all of Martinsburg, attended the barbecue.

BRITISH ARE AHEAD

OLYMPIC GAMES NOW UNDERWAY IN ENGLAND AROUSE UNUSUAL INTEREST BECAUSE BRITONS GAIN LEAD IN THEIR FAVOR.

Many New Records Have Been Made—Americans Gamely Contest Every Event and Will Make a Better Showing on the Series Yet to Come.

Judge Barnett Granted the Change at Troy Tuesday to Mexico—Trial Set for January 4th.

Following the verdict against Dr. W. A. Hemphill, as Troy, who was charged with the death of Miss Elizabeth Gleason, the attorneys for Rev. Clyde Gow, charged with being an accessory before fact, filed motion for change of venue on the grounds that a fair and impartial trial could not be had in Lincoln county.

The motion was argued before Judge Barnett at Troy, and Tuesday he granted the change of venue.

The following article explains that the change venue will come to Mexico: Troy, Mo., July 30.—Judge Barnett today granted a change of venue to Clyde Gow from Lincoln county to January 4th at Mexico, Mo. Rev. Gow is under indictment in connection with the death of Miss Elizabeth Gleason, of Liberty, Mo.

MARTINSBURG. Rev. Triplett, of Mexico, preached at the M. E. church, South, Sunday. His sermon in the evening was especially to the young folks.

Miss Treasle Mills, of St. Louis, has been the guest of her friends the past week.

Mrs. Johnson is visiting friends near Williamsburg.

Mrs. Dr. Moore and Miss Florence are guests of relatives at Humansville, Mo.

N. M. Friedman returned from Chicago, Thursday morning. He was accompanied home by Miss Hazel who has been spending a few weeks on the Lakes.

Mrs. McDevott came up from Wellville, Friday, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Roman.

Miss Mand and Willa Fick, of Kansas City, came down last week to attend the funeral of Miss Ida Clifton.

Miss Minnie Pike has a new piano. Rev. Marlow, of Fayette, Mo., was here last week.

Bro. Shoush of Mexico, will preach at the Baptist church next Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. H. H. Hooton and Miss Hazel, of Chicago, are the guests of their uncle, N. M. Friedman, and family.

CHANGE OF VENUE Dr. Hemphill Found Guilty of Manslaughter—Gets Three Years.

Montgomery, Mo., July 18.—The Rev. Clyde Gow will not be tried at Troy Monday, charged with the death, resulting from a criminal operation, of Miss Elizabeth Gleason, the Lincoln county school teacher.

Since the conviction of Dr. W. H. Hemphill, today, the attorneys for that prosecution have decided to ask for a change of venue, when court meets at Troy Monday, and it is likely Judge Barnett will sustain the motion and set the case for trial at Williamsburg, St. Charles or some other point in his circuit of five counties.

It is stated that the jury in the case of Dr. Hemphill stood seven for conviction and five for acquittal on the next ballot, two went over to the majority and they hung nine to three till today, when all voted for three years in the penitentiary.

The Rev. Gow insists that he is innocent.

Dr. Hemphill and Pastor Gow were seated together in the courtroom. They received the verdict in silence.

MEXICO WON SUNDAY'S GAME Defeated Wellsville By a Score of Five to Nothing—A Large Crowd Witnessed the Game Played at Cauthorn's Hill.

The Mexico Athletics defeated the Wellsville ball team at Cauthorn's Hill Sunday afternoon by a score of five to nothing. This is the third time these two teams have played together this season, and of the three the local team has won two.

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Throwing Sixteen-Pound Hammer—170 feet 4 1/2 inches, new Olympic record, by John J. Flanagan, Irish-American Athletic club.

Javelin Throw—179 feet, 1 1/2 inch, new Olympic record, by Erik Lemming, Sweden.

Five-Mile Race—25:46 4-5, new Olympic record, by John Shanberg.

Ten-Mile Walk—1:15:57, 1-5, new world's record, by G. E. Larner, United Kingdom.

Javelin Throw—Middle hold, 179 feet 1 1/2 inches, new world's record, by Erik Lemming, Sweden.

40-Kilometer Bicycle—Two hours 41 minutes, by Bartlett, United Kingdom.

ENGLAND TAKES 45 POINTS. Olympic scores, according to English system, counting one point for each win, all contests:

England 24, United States 9, Sweden 5, Norway 2, Germany 2, Canada, France, Belgium and Italy, 1 each.

JAPANESE NAVAL STRENGTH IS LARGELY A MYSTERY

Efficiency of Sea Fighting Force Has Never Been Fully Demonstrated.

Washington, July 17.—There can be no doubt of Japan's designs against China nor of her realization of the movement of the American navy toward Asiatic waters. Whether the far east this fall depends entirely on her confidence in the strength of her sea fighting force.

Japan's navy is largely a mystery. The entire naval history of the island empire is encompassed in the battle with the Chinese at the Yalu river, the operations before Port Arthur and the battle of Tsushima during the Russo-Japanese war. In neither instance did the Japanese engage a fleet either properly armed or efficiently manned.

A habit of enlarging on Japan's sea prowess has been in evidence in nearly every article written on her navy. There were many instances during the Japanese Russo war which showed the fallibility of the Japanese as sea fighters, which have not been recorded.

They are known, however, to the fighting experts of the naval powers. According to both the new battleships, Satsuma and Aki to the Japanese fleet, what naval force could be mobilized against the American fleet? These two ships, once completed, are two of the most powerful battleships ever designed. Both carry four 12-inch 45 caliber and 12 10-inch 45 caliber guns in their main batteries, a heavier armament than any ship of the American fleet.

Eliminating the eight smaller battleships from the American fleet and the six armored cruisers of the West Virginia class, the American battle line would consist of 10 battleships, two armored cruisers and a complement of 10 torpedo boats.

Against this fleet Japan could concentrate eight battleships, four armored cruisers, with a probable complement of 10 torpedo boats.

WHISKY FOR NEARLY BABIES. Draught Clause in Children's Bill Defeated Because Child's Life Was Saved by Liquor—An English Story.

London, July 19.—By one vote the standing committee of the house of commons on considering the new clauses which it is proposed to add to the children's bill, yesterday, rejected a clause which sought to impose a fine of \$25 on any person giving intoxicating liquor to a child under 4 years of age unless ordered by a fully qualified medical practitioner.

This vote was taken after Mr. Nannetti told an anecdote of how the life of his child had been saved by a spoonful of whisky.

When he started married life, said Mr. Nannetti, his home was threatened with an outbreak of measles. His wife, following the example of her mother, drove out the disease by means of a spoonful of whisky, and was afterwards complimented by the doctor for saving her child's life.

OLD SETTLERS REUNION! At New Florence, August 1st, a Great Time Coming.

Montgomery County, the daily press and political headquarters, announce the 27th Annual Old Settlers Reunion to be held at New Florence, Saturday August 1st, will be the greatest gathering in all Missouri this year. The campaign managers of all the parties have accepted this place and time for the Primary Campaigning. Forty state candidates will be present. Montgomery's best musicians will contest for four gold medals. Home Coming program: Artion Male Quartette, of St. Louis; Concerts by three Montgomery County Bands. The Washburn will run special trains from Moberly and St. Charles.

Dr. Kannaly's Forecasts. Dr. D. J. Kannaly, the sage of East Lake, has made the following weather forecasts from his observatory.

The moon changed from full to last quarter on the 20th at 10 o'clock in the morning. From the 20th to 28th you may expect 3 or more days of inclement weather.

Moon changes from last quarter to new moon on the 28th at 17 minutes past 1 o'clock in the morning. From the 28th to August 5th there will be 3 or more days of fair weather.

Young Couple Eloped. S. P. Garver was in town Saturday looking for his daughter, who it is understood, eloped with Mark Stewart of near Ladonia. Last week Stewart it is said, hired a horse from Henry Hinkensmyer, who runs a livery stable at Martinsburg, last Thursday, and since then neither the girl nor the young couple have been heard from.

They were seen here last Thursday when they tried to procure a rig, but without success.

Funeral of Mr. Mohn. The remains of Mr. Mohn, father of William Mohn, of this city, who died in Chicago this week, arrived in this city at 6:45 Tuesday morning. The funeral services were held from the grave at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. O. Pomonster.

The pall bearers were Elmer Ruter, Elmer Kelter, Jerry Dermody, Henry Miller, Vernon Morris and Pat Reynolds.

Edon Dearing and wife are touring the northern lakes.

Wall Paper

I am showing this year an exclusive line of fine papers and decorations in the newest and best styles at prices that are right. Come in and look them over.

J. H. Sallee

One door north Savings Bank

JUDGE BOTT'S MATHEMATICS

Makes one Plus one Plus one Plus one Equal Two—Four Audrain Young People Wed by the Judge in Record Time.

One plus one plus one plus one equals two. Mathematically the above may be incorrect but by Judge Bott's figuring there is nothing wrong with the result. In thirty minutes the couples of "holy wedlock" making of each couple and had time for at least another ceremony.

Carl E. Hume and Miss Besie Baker, both of this county, and George Campbell and Miss Lilly Cowell, also of Audrain, were the people he married.

Paris Bars "Merry Widows" There, July 19.—So far as the Paris theaters are concerned the "Merry Widows" hat of huge dimensions is doomed. From to-day it may no longer be worn in the stalls or dress circle of an Paris theater, nor any other hat that shuts out a view of the stage from those in the rows behind.

The theater commission under the presidency of M. Leprieux, perfect of police, has decided to banish the "Merry Widows" from the Paris theaters. The commission has decided that the wearing of hats of excessive dimensions should be prohibited in theaters under penalty of a fine.

SOLOMON ON THE BENCH. The pending judge in the Humbert-Matto case, which is attracting a